

DuPont Friday Letter

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"While Ted is away..."

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Maybe you've already heard; Ted is out until his knee is back from the repair shop. He's ETA January 2016...

While our Super Hero City Administrator is gone, several folks are chipping in to help with his Friday Letter. I took his bet; so, here we go!

What's the latest cluck about chickens?

Did you know the City of DuPont is considering allowing backyard chickens? This issue was raised as part of an urban agriculture movement currently sweeping the nation. In fact, many of our neighboring jurisdictions like Fircrest and Lacey have already adopted similar code amendments. If this topic interests you, please attend the **Public Hearing scheduled December 8** at the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting. The change would only affect Historic Village and El Rancho Madrona neighborhoods; Northwest Landing Residential Owners Association bans such animals. The full draft document is available on the City's website (dupontwa.gov). If you have questions, contact City Staff **Nicole Floyd (253) 912-5393**, nfloyd@dupontwa.gov

Community Village Policing

DuPont Police Department is having *another* big meeting about Community Village Policing. This time it's schedule for Dec 17 at the Emergency Operations Center (the Public Safety building) starting at 6:00 PM. The Chief and Department will talk again with the community about the program. Come learn what it's all about. This is a new model for DuPont that will greatly enhance how the city protects you. It's time to take the *next step* from "see it, say something" and get involved.

It's that special time of year!

Join us Saturday, December 5th at 5PM to ring in the holiday season at our Annual Tree Lighting! McNamara's, Forza and The DuPont General Store are hosting a Progressive Dinner that starts at 4PM and continues throughout the evening. Tickets must be pre-purchased at either ACU or DuPont Forza. Tickets are \$15 and include wine and appetizers, main entrée and desserts.

Families can enjoy arts & crafts, hot cocoa, pictures with Santa at Forza and a special performance by the Chloe Clark Choir.



Santa's coming to town!

Mark your calendars! Santa will visit DuPont with your firefighters on the nights of December 15th and 17th from 5:30pm – 9:00pm. Tuesday, the 15th, Santa and the firefighters will be West of Center drive in the Hoffman Hill area. Thursday, the 17th, they will be East of Center drive in the Palisade, Historic, and Edmonds villages. Please see the maps posted on the city website associated with the community events calendar. (How can Santa be in so many places, at once? Wormholes.)

Santa and the DuPont Firefighters will be gliding around on big **RED** fire apparatus, handing out candy canes to kids. Don't forget! For safety reason, we ask that all parents supervise their children and keep them from running toward the fire apparatus. It is hard to see them, especially at night. There will be designated stopping points to allow for more interaction like picture taking, etc. as noted on the calendar. What? You don't believe in Santa? Then you're guaranteed to get a lump of coal in your stocking, dozens of itchy sox and boxed wine for Christmas! Happy first week of December; until next time.